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Manufacturing industry no longer South Australia's largest employer

South Australia's Manufacturing industry has recorded negative growth in annual average employment between 2000-01 and 2009-10, according to data released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Since 2006-07, the Manufacturing industry has been surpassed by Health Care and Social Assistance as the industry with the largest average annual employment in South Australia. In 2009-10, Manufacturing had average annual employment of 83,700 persons compared with 103,300 for Health Care and Social Assistance. Other South Australian growth industries in terms of average annual employment were the Construction and the Professional, Scientific and Technical industries.

From a production perspective Manufacturing still recorded the largest contribution to South Australia's economy over 2000-01 to 2009-10. However, its contribution to Gross State Product (GSP), in industry gross value added terms, fell from 15.0% to 11.7% over this period. To some degree, this decline was offset by the state's Construction industry which increased its contribution to GSP from 4.4% to 6.6%, and Health Care and Social Assistance up from 6.7% to a 7.4% share of GSP.

The full article on South Australia's changing industrial landscape can be found in the April edition of *SA Stats* (cat. no. 1345.4).

Media notes:

- Health Care and Social Assistance industry includes: hospitals; medical and other health care services (such as dental, optometry, physiotherapy and ambulance operations); residential/aged care services; and social assistance services (including child care).
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